

# **D R A F T**

## **MINUTES**

### **State Board of Education Meeting**

#### **Date**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2008**

#### **TIME**

**9:00 a.m. Educator Certification Cases**

**10:00 a. m. State Board Regular Meeting**

#### **Location**

**Rutledge Conference Center**

**1429 Senate Street**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

***Al Simpson, Chair***

***Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect***

***Jim Rex, PhD***

***State Superintendent of Education***

***Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board***

### **I. WELCOME**

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance for the Educator Certification cases: Al Simpson, Chair, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect, Governor's Appointee; Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Tim Moore, Second Judicial Circuit; Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Fred F. DuBard, III, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Gerrita Postlewait, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Britt Blackwell, O.D., Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit, was absent with apologies.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Carol Collins, Minutes Taker; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; Jack Singletary, Education Associate, Office of Educator

Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; Wendy Cartledge, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Esquire, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Paul Bozard, Paralegal, Office of General Counsel; Karla Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Janice Poda, PhD, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; and Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership.

## **II. EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CASES**

Wendy Cartledge introduced Dr. Kathy Meeks, ADEPT Coordinator at the South Carolina Department of Education. Dr. Meeks presented an overview of the ADEPT Educator suspensions. A PowerPoint was presented and is included in the minutes. She then answered questions from SBE members.

Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE go into Executive Session for the purpose of hearing educator certification cases. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SBE Chair Simpson declared the Board in Executive Session.**

### **Open Session**

1. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Barbara Puckett, certificate 221156, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Caitlin Rylander, certificate 223488, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Cassandra Hudson-Sutton, certificate 220710, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Deborah Hillis, certificate 218795, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Ebony Durrah, certificate 213523, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Elisabeth Fridley, certificate 231337, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Kristen Shanabrook, certificate 226250, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Hampton Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Lakeshia Glenn, certificate 218017, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Marie Miller, certificate 139334, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Robert Soule, certificate 220935, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Stephanie Franks, certificate 221800, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Phillips Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried.
12. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Teresa Garcia, certificate 218814, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.
13. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Vanessa Fountain, certificate 225398, for a period of two years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of ADEPT failure. Hampton Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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14. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Elizabeth R. Best, certificate 218631, for a period of one year, commencing August 13, 2008, and ending August 12, 2009, and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct for breach of contract. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
15. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Betty L. Black, certificate 141701, for a period of three years and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
16. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE issue a public reprimand to Susan L. Dobbs, certificate 176815, and approve the Consent Order of Public Reprimand on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
17. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE permanently revoke the certificate of James V. Garrett, certificate 145587, and adopt an Order of Permanent Revocation on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
18. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Richard G. Hays, certificate 179122, for a period of two years and approve the Consent Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Hampton Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried.
19. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE accept the permanent voluntary surrender of the certificate of Kanesa A. Hopkins, certificate 196967, and approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and Revocation on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Libby Swad seconded the motion. The motion carried.
20. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE accept the permanent voluntary surrender of the certificate of Joseph J. Knapp, certificate 217334, and approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and Revocation on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

21. Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE lift the Order of Summary Suspension and accept the reinstatement of the certificate of Ebenezer Jally, certificate 231130. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/WELCOME**

Board Chair Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **IV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JULY 9, 2008**

Phillip Bowers moved to approve the SBE minutes for July 9, 2008. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**V. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR AUGUST 13, 2008**

Rick Adkins moved to approve the agenda with the exception of to remove Item 01, Waiver of Nonconforming Facility—M.S. Bailey, from under Finance and Operations. The item will be brought up at another meeting. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Board Chair Simpson asked all visitors present to stand and be recognized. There were no news media present.

Board Chair Simpson turned the meeting over to Dr. Rex, State Superintendent of Education, for his report and recognitions.

**VII. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT AND RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Rex recognized the Law Related Education Middle School of the Year, Lexington Middle School, and the High School of the Year, Berkeley High School. He invited Amelia Herlong, SBE member for Lexington Middle School, and Cindy Clark, SBE member for Berkeley High School, to help present the awards.

Dr. Rex stated that the South Carolina Law Related Education (LRE) Division is a service arm of the Bard. The Division has provided teachers, school resource officers, juvenile justice personnel, and lawyers with resources, materials, and technical assistance to teach law and citizenship education since the mid-1980s.

Each year, the Division honors one middle school and one high school as the LRE schools of the year. The winners are chosen based on their implementation of LRE curricula and programs and their commitment to LRE's principles.

Representatives from the winning schools received \$5,000 awards and were present at the meeting: Laura McMahan, Principal, Lexington Middle School, and Kelli Antes, Mock Trial Coach, Berkeley High School.

Dr. Rex recognized the LRE Middle School Teacher of the Year, Juanita Sanders, from Springfield Middle School in York School District Four, and the High School Teacher of the Year, Yvonne Rhodes from Wilson High School in

Florence One. He invited SBE members Trip DuBard and Dr. Britt Blackwell to join him in the recognitions.

Dr. Rex explained that the honorees are chosen based on how well they implement LRE curricula and programs and their commitment to LRE's principles. Each teacher received a \$1,000 award.

Dr. Rex recognized Katherine Crawford Stephens, the 2007 General Educational Development (GED) 2007 high scorer.

Ms. Stephens scored a perfect score of 800 in three of the five GED subject areas: science, social studies, and language arts. In addition, she scored in the 99<sup>th</sup> national percentile on all five subject areas.

Dr. David Stout, Director, Office of Adult Education, Division of Standards and Learning, read and presented a congratulatory letter on behalf of the GED Testing Service.

Dr. Rex stated that the SCDE has received some "great" news concerning the ACT. He stated that last year our composite score went up .3 on a 36-point test, which is a statistically significant increase according to the ACT. The encouraging thing about this increase is that it is three times the increase that we have seen in the past. We are now waiting to see what the SAT and PACT scores will be this fall.

Dr. Rex stated that he just spent two days attending the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) Retreat. The Education Accountability Act was discussed and a schedule of reforms was presented. There is a lot of cooperation between the SCDE and the EOC on making these reforms happen on time. The most important part of the meeting was the discussion stating that the EOC members wanted to be more involved as a body in pushing through some of the reforms that need to happen in South Carolina. The chairs of the SBE and the EOC and other representatives will continue to meet and work out the policy changes that are required.

The state's education system received a budget cut this week of 3 percent from the General Fund, which amounts to \$73,258,000. The SCDE is waiting to hear about another cut in EIA funds. The SCDE will absorb more than its share of the cut to relieve the school districts as much as possible. SCDE staff and Dr. Rex participated in a conference call with over fifty superintendents to discuss the cut. The district superintendents and the SCDE agreed that these cuts be passed along in the base student cost to provide the districts more flexibility in determining how the cut can be absorbed. The current base student cost is \$2,578 but will be reduced by the cut.

The increase in fuel costs is a major challenge for transporting students to school. Every time fuel goes up 8 cents per gallon, it adds another \$1,000,000 to the cost of bus fuel in South Carolina. The SCDE is looking at some innovative ways to deal with this issue.

The SCDE has implemented a hiring freeze except for a few critical positions that are related to state-mandated programs. It is highly possible that education is going to run a deficit by the end of this fiscal year when you look at the cuts in addition to the fuel costs. There are two agencies that will most likely run a deficit, the SCDE and the Department of Corrections.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Chair Simpson stated there was no one present for public comment.

## **IX. SECOND READING**

**Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Performance Standards for Educator Preparation Programs (Second Reading)**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE approve the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Performance Standards for Educator Preparation Programs for second reading. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **X. STATE BOARD COMMITTEE ITEMS**

### **EP. EDUCATION PROFESSIONS**

**Committee Report**—Patsy Pye, Chair

Committee Chair Pye reported that the Education Professions Committee met on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. They had three items presented for approval. Mrs. Pye stated that Dr. Allison Jacques gave a report on TAP Schools. In lieu of a committee meeting in September, the committee is going to visit a TAP school in Clinton.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

**01. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations for Three New Educator**

**Preparation Programs in South Carolina**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

On behalf of the Education Professions Committee, Committee Chair Pye moved to approve the Professional Review Committee (PRC) recommendations for three new Educator Preparation Programs in South Carolina. The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

02. **Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations for Accreditation Decisions of Three Educator Preparation Units**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

On behalf of the Education Professions Committee, Committee Chair Pye moved to approve the Professional Review Committee (PRC) recommendations for accreditation decisions of three educator preparation units. The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

03. **Professional Education Unit at Limestone College Requests Extension of State Accreditation Pending National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Accreditation Recommendations**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

On behalf of the Education Professions Committee, Committee Chair Pye moved to approve the Professional Education Unit at Limestone College request for extension of state accreditation pending National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation recommendations. The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

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**STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Committee Report**—Libby Swad, Chair

Chair Swad stated that there were two items submitted to the Committee for approval and two items were submitted as information.

An update was provided by Dr. John Holton, Education Associate, Office of Instructional Promising Practices, Division of Standards and Learning, on the review of the 2007 National Math Panel Findings and the steps that South Carolina is taking to incorporate the recommendations from the report.

An update was presented by Dr. Christine Beyers, Education Associate, Office of Youth Services, Division of Educational Services, on the Health and Safety Education Standards review and revision process.

Dr. Valerie Harrison, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning gave a status report on all of the standards.

**01. Physical Education (PE) Standards (First Reading)**—James Strainer, Education Associate, Office of Academic Standards, Division of Standards and Learning

On behalf of the Standards, Learning, and Accountability Committee, Committee Chair Swad moved to approve the Physical Education (PE) Standards for first reading with the understanding that more clarity would be provided before second reading. The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

**02. Request from Spartanburg County's Seven School Districts for a Waiver to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulations 43-234(3)(D) and 43-259(1)(D)(3) Relating to Dual Credit**—Teri Siskind, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability.

On behalf of the Standards, Learning, and Accountability Committee, Committee Chair Swad moved to approve the request from Spartanburg County's Seven School Districts for a waiver to State Board Regulations 43-234(3)(D) and 43-259(1)(D)(3) relating to dual credit. The motion

comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

**F&O.      FINANCE AND OPERATIONS**

**Committee Report**—Rick Adkins, Chair

Committee Chair Adkins stated there were three items submitted to the Finance and Operations Committee for approval. Item 01 was removed from the agenda, to be taken up at a later SBE Committee meeting. As information, John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, provided the Committee with a SBE financial statement.

**02.    Waiver of Nonconforming Facility—BJ Workman Center**—Alex James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Innovation and Support

On behalf of the Finance and Operations Committee, Committee Chair Adkins moved to approve the Waiver of Nonconforming Facility—BJ Workman Center. The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

**03.    Request by Fisher Scientific Company for the Waiver of Liquidated Damages**—Jim White, Manager, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance, Division of Finance and Operations

On behalf of the Finance and Operations Committee, Committee Chair Adkins moved to approve the request by Fisher Scientific Company for half of the amount of a waiver of liquidated damages. The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

**04.    School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rate Fuel Surcharge Adjustment Methodology**—Donald Tudor, Director, Office of Transportation, Division of Innovation and Support

On behalf of the Finance and Operations Committee, Committee Chair Adkins moved to approve the school bus/boat per mile permit rate fuel surcharge adjustment methodology. The motion comes out of committee;

therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

**I&ES. INNOVATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**01. Committee Report—Kristin Maguire, Chair**

Committee Chair Maguire stated that there were two items presented for approval.

**FOR APPROVAL**

**01. Facility Waiver—Aiken Performing Arts Academy/Lloyd Kennedy Charter School—Alex James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Innovation and Support**

On behalf of the Innovation and Educational Services Committee, Committee Chair Maguire moved for approval of the Facility Waiver—Aiken Performing Arts Academy/Lloyd Kennedy Charter School. The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

**02. Facility Waiver—Greer Middle College Charter School—Alex James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Innovation and Support**

On behalf of the Innovation and Educational Services Committee, Committee Chair Maguire moved for approval of the Facility Waiver—Greer Middle College Charter School. The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

**P&L. POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE**

**Committee Report—Al Simpson, Chair**

Board Chair Simpson stated that there were two items submitted for approval and two items for information.

**FOR APPROVAL**

**01. Request for Approval of Recommendations for Winners of the 2008 State Volunteer Awards—Peggy Hogan, Education Associate, Office of Community and Parent Services, Division of Educational Services**

On behalf of the Policy and Legislative Committee, Board Chair Simpson moved for approval of the recommendations for winners of the 2008 State Volunteer Awards. The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

**02. Promulgation of Emergency Regulation 43-89(N)(T)(2)**—Donald Tudor, Director, Office of Transportation, Division of Innovation and Support

On behalf of the Policy and Legislative Committee, Board Chair Simpson moved for approval of the promulgation of Emergency Regulation 43-80(N)(T)(2). The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**03. School Bus Interior Advertising**—Donald Tudor, Director, Office of Transportation, Division of Innovation and Support

Mr. Tudor explained that this item was being presented to provide the SBE information about school bus interior advertising.

In 2007, the SCDE, working with the Budget and Control Board, Materials Management Office (MMO), pursued a statewide contract related to interior school bus placard advertisement. This effort was undertaken at the request of school districts and was the suggestion of a task force looking at how to better fund education.

The contract was awarded by MMO in November 2007 to SAC, Inc. of Warrenton, SC. The contract requires strict control by the district over the content of the advertisements through a District Oversight Committee. The SCDE made sure that the contract contained limitations to exclude advertisements not in the best interests of our children. The SCDE included in its FY 2008–09 proviso requests an amendment that would have permitted the SCDE to share any revenue with the relevant districts.

While the Request for Proposal (RFP) and legislative efforts were moving forward with interior school bus

advertising, districts were also being approached by Bus Radio, Inc. This company offers controlled and monitored radio programming suitable for students that is installed on school buses free of charge. The programming includes two minutes of student-appropriate advertising per sixty minutes of total programming.

Legislative action during the 2008 legislative session restricted the SCDE from participating in the placement of advertising on school buses.

Districts continue to be interested in interior school bus advertising, particularly the Bus Radio programming. The music programming offered by Bus Radio is reported to help control student behavior on the bus. For more about Bus Radio, go to <http://www.busradio.net/overview.html>.

The FY 09 Budget was adopted with a school bus advertising restrictions proviso. The SCDE will continue to monitor district activities and respond to questions by the General Assembly and Governor.

**04. Report from the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) Regarding Act 282 (Amendments to the Education Accountability Act (EAA))**

Dr. Jo Anne Anderson, Executive Director, Education Oversight Committee, provided a report to the Policy Committee from the EOC regarding ACT 282 (amendments to the EAA).

<b>XI. OTHER BUSINESS</b>
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Shelly Kelly stated that before the next Board meeting, the Office of General Counsel would be sending out flash drives that would be password-protected. In addition, a letter that will include the password will be mailed out approximately a week before the flash drives are mailed. If Board members do not receive the letter or lose their flash drive, they should notify the Office of General Counsel.

Board Chair Simpson asked if all of the Board members had their list of members serving on the Educator Certification Cases. He stated that Carol Collins would send out a list of the members that will be serving on the next Educator Certification Cases Committee. All cases will be held on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Rutledge Conference Center.

One of the members asked about changing the time of the Educator Certification Cases Committee. Board Chair Simpson stated the committee would continue to meet at 1:00 p.m., but if a member had a conflict, he or she could ask another member to swap months.

Board Chair Simpson stated that the teacher cases being held on Wednesday would now be moved to the meeting on Tuesday.

Board Chair Simpson asked if the Office of General Counsel knew how many cases they would have at the next meeting. Shelly Kelly stated that they did not know at this time. She explained the process of determining what cases would come before the group.

Board Chair Simpson read a thank you card from Dr. Ora Watson, Superintendent of Allendale County Schools, regarding the SBE decision at the July Board meeting.

Dr. Rex told the SBE about the positive press coverage and comments that he had received regarding the SBE's reprimand of Allendale County School District and Lee County School District at the July SBE meeting.

He told the Board that the land grant institutions would be having their annual meeting in November, and they have been asked to consider whether or not they would help their states more directly deal with the shortages of math and science teachers. In November, there will be a letter of commitment that the land grant institutions should consider signing that would state their willingness to try to help their state address the teacher shortages in math and science within a certain time frame of four years, five years, etc.

Dr. Rex stated that he had addressed this issue with Dr. Valerie Harrison, Deputy Superintendent for Standards and Learning. Dr. Rex has talked with Dr. John Holton, who deals with math and science here at the SCDE, and has asked Dr. Holton to provide him with the SCDE's projections for math and science teachers. Dr. Rex intends, if the SCDE can fill our part of the partnership, to speak with both Clemson University and South Carolina State University to see if these colleges, as land grant institutions, will sign this letter of commitment to try and help solve this terrible problem. If Clemson and South Carolina State respond favorably, Dr. Rex will then probably go to USC and other institutions to ask for their help.

Trip DuBard thanked the Chair for bringing the SBE to the point where the meetings were getting a little shorter and more focused, especially with teacher cases not consuming the entire day. He stated that at the SBE Retreat there were issues raised about things that SBE members could all focus on, like raising graduation rates. Dr. Cleo Richardson was to develop possible initiatives. Since Dr. Richardson has now left the SCDE, DuBard

asked for the status of this issue. He also stated that the SBE members agreed to become advocates of education by asking people around the state to support public education. At the retreat, SBE members asked for briefings on funding, 4K, and school choice before the SBE members took a position. Mr. DuBard would like to see the SBE move forward with these issues.

Board Chair Simpson stated that he wanted to discuss the transition plan regarding Dr. Richardson's project. Board Chair Simpson asked that this be done at the next month's SBE meeting. The SBE would continue moving positively on these issues.

Dr. Rex stated that he and SBE member Britt Blackwell had discussed the possibility of setting up meetings between the SBE and local school boards to be co-hosted by the State Superintendent and the SBE members from different areas of the state. An update could be given on SCDE initiatives and provide an opportunity to listen to the local boards about their initiatives and areas of concern.

Chair-elect Maguire stated that any administrator who had signed External Review Team (ERT) Plans and then moved on without implementing the plan has committed fraud and, therefore, is guilty of unprofessional conduct. She asked if the SBE should look at the administrators and take action on their certification. She stated that this would send a strong message that SBE members wanted to support the teachers in the classroom and administrators that did not complete their duties would be held accountable.

<b>XII. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.